राष्ट्रीय सूचना-विज्ञान केन्द्र (एन आई सी) द्वारा स्थापित विशाल कम्प्यूटर नेटवर्क, निक्नेट के पास विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग, इलेक्ट्रानिकी विभाग तथा दूर-संचार विभाग में स्थित टर्मिनल्स हैं । निक्नेट मुख्यतः एक कम्प्यूटर नेटवर्क है जो सरकार तथा कुछ केन्द्रीय सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के यूनिटों में कार्य कर रहा है । दूर संचार विभाग का कम्प्यूटर नेटवर्क, रेलनेट (आर ए बी एन एन) एक सुदूर क्षेत्र व्यापार सन्देश नेटवर्क है ।

(ख) और (ग) निक्नेट के लिये नेटवर्क के अनेक सुदूर स्थानों पर द्विभाषी टर्मिनल प्रदान किये गये हैं । सभी कम्प्यूटर नेटवर्कों में हिन्दी के आंकड़ों को ए एस सी-II फार्मेट में बदला जा सकता है और फिर नेटवर्क पर संप्रेषित किया जा सकता ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है ।

(ङ) जी, हां ।

(च) इन सभी नेटवर्कों को विदेश संचार निगम लि० बम्बई में गेटवे पैकेट स्विच प्रणाली (जी. पी. एस. एस.) के माध्यम से विदेशी नेटवर्कों के साथ जोड़ा जा सकता है । जहां कहीं और जब कभी आवश्यक हो, अनेक नेटवर्क, जो पी एस एन का प्रयोग करते हुए उचित प्राधिकरण के लिए सूचना का आदान प्रदान कर सकते हैं ।

(छ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Unemployed Youth in the beginning of the 8th Plan

@1663-A. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) what is the estimated number of unemployed youth in the country at the beginning of the 8th Plan; and

(b) the proposed number of jobs likely to be created during the Eighth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Backlog of unemployment at the beginning of the 8th Plan is estimated to be around 17 million, by weekly status. By weekly status concept, an unemployed is one who, though available for work, did not get work even for one hour during the reference week. The results of the NSS 43rd Round survey on employment and un-employment, conducted in 1987-88, showed that 68 per cent of the weekly status unemployed were youth (age-group 15—29).

(b) The strategy of the 8th Plan, which is under finalisation, envisages generation of additional employment of the order of 8-9 million per annum.

Outlets for sale of Janata Dhoties

1664. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have opened outlets for the sale of Janata Cloth/Dhoties in rural areas of the country; and

(b) if so, what is the number thereof; State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b) Sale of janata cloth/dhoties in rural areas as also in urban areas is undertaken by State level implementing agencies for janata cloth production, as per guidelines issued by Government of India. Sale of janata cloth/dhoties is made by the implementing agencies through their own outlets located both in urban and rural areas. Bulk of the sales, however, is done by State/national level approved cooperative agencies which include State consumer cooperative federations, State Civil Supplies Corporations, National Consumer Cooperative Federation etc. These agencies have a large number of outlets in rural areas. Goverament of India releases subsidy for

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